

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 1, paragraph 1, to read as follows:

[TITLE]

[EMBEDDED OR CEILING-FITTED] ILLUMINATION DEVICE [WITH
BACK REPRODUCING] FOR DECORATIVE IMAGE[S] REPRODUCTION

Please amend page 1, paragraph 2, to read as follows:

[DESCRIPTION]

Please amend page 1, paragraph 3, to read as follows:

- - FIELD OF THE INVENTION - -**[Scope of the Invention]**

The present invention relates generally [concerns the field of] to interior illumination and, more [specifically] particularly, [refers] to [an embedded or ceiling-fitted illumination device on whose back decorative images are reproduced] lighting fixtures.

Please amend page 1, paragraph 4, to read as follows:

- - BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION - -

[Description of the Background Art]

The illumination of [confined] interior[s] spaces, [especially] such as offices, work areas, exposition areas, and transit or waiting rooms, [may be] is typically achieved[, among other methods, by] using devices embedded in the ceiling or walls, or fit[ted on] in the ceiling. Aside from [possible] aesthetics [value obtained from] the shape of [the] single devices, [this type of] not only does illumination of this type [may result anonymous and] achieve results that are often limited in effect, but also even [oppressive] entirely ineffective, especially in the presence of low ceilings or in rooms of small relatively size.

Please amend page 1, paragraph 5, to read as follows:

As [F]for the use of light sources to decorate a room to the personal[ization] taste of the occupant, [and also] as well as [for] the present[at]i[o]ng [of] advertising messages in public transit rooms, lighting panels for reproducing decorative images and various types of messages [types] are frequently used. [Solutions] Devices of this type, whose primary function is [not the] less for illumination of [the] a room, [but rather] and more for [the] decoration or [the] transmission of messages, [foresee] usually include an opalescent panel on which an image is reproduced [and] with a light source [lying] behind whose light [spreads] passes in a nearly uniform manner through the panel. Solutions of this type are [essentially] typically adapted essentially for wall installation, and the images produced lack depth, which renders them unsuitable for installation in those rooms characteri[s]zed by modest dimensions.

Please amend from after paragraph 5 on page 1 through paragraph 1 on page 2 to read as follows:

- - OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION - -

[Objects and Summary of the Invention]

[The] Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention [is] to provide an illumination device that creates [the] an illusion of natural [illumination coming] light originating from an external source, suggested through a selected decorative image[, preferably (even if not exclusively)] including, but not limited to, one of a natural[istic subject] image.

Please amend page 2, paragraph 2, to read as follows.

This and other objects and advantages [is] are achieved [with the] by an illumination device according to the present invention which comprises a box-like body with a back and [with] side walls extending from [said] the back, an opening [having been made on the] being provided in a wall opposite [said] the back. On the inner face of [said] the back, a decorative image is reproduced, [while] by which a light source [turned] aimed toward [said] the back extends internally along a frame delimiting [said] the opening, [said] the side walls having reflective surfaces.

Please amend page 2, paragraph 3, to read as follows:

Alternatively or concurrently, [T]he illumination device according to the present invention, which may not only be used for both embedded ceiling or wall installation [and] as well as ceiling-fitted installation, [and] but also [for] fit[ting] in conjunction with equivalent modules, has the advantage of [permitting the] providing illumination of a room by creating the illusion that the light comes from a natural light source, the illusion being accentuated by [the] a sense of depth which is given to the background image by the presence of [the] reflective side walls [gives to the background image].

Please amend page 2, paragraph 4, to read as follows:

- - BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS - -

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

A specific, illustrative [The] illumination device, according to the present invention, [will now be illustrated in greater detail with the following description of one of its embodiments, given as a non-limiting example] is described below with reference to the [attached] following drawings, in which:

Please amend page 2, paragraph 5, to read as follows:

[- Figure] FIG. 1 is a [schematic] side cross-sectional view of an embedded illumination device, according to one aspect of the present invention[, in the embedded version];

Please amend from after paragraph 5 on page 2 to before the first full paragraph on page 3 to read as follows:

[- Figure] FIG. 2 is a [schematic] side cross-sectional view of a[n] ceiling-fitted illumination device, according to another aspect of the present invention[, in the ceiling fitted version];

Please amend page 3, first full paragraph, to read as follows:

[- Figure] FIG. 3 is a perspective view of [the] a ceiling installation of [the] an illumination device, according to the present invention;

Please amend page 3, second full paragraph, to read as follows:

[- Figure] FIG. 4 is a perspective view of [the] a wall installation of a plurality of illumination devices, according to the present invention;

Please add the following new paragraph after the second full paragraph on page 3:

- - The same numerals are used throughout the drawing figures to designate similar elements. Still other objects and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the following description of the preferred embodiments. - -

Please amend page 3, third full paragraph, to read as follows:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[With] Refer[ence]ring now to [figures] the drawings and, more particularly, to FIGS. 1 - 4, there is shown generally a specific, illustrative, illumination device, in accordance with various aspects of the present invention. According to one embodiment, shown generally in FIGS. 1 and 2, the device has a box-like body [of the illumination device according to the invention is indicated with] 1[. The body 1 composed of including a back wall 2, side walls 3 extending from the sides of the back wall [2], and [from] a front wall 4 extending from the side walls [3], opposite [from] the back wall [2]. [In the present embodiment of the invention] Preferably, the front wall [4] is formed by a generally perimetrical frame 4a projecting [inside] interiorly from the side walls [3] so as to delimit[ing] an opening 4b.

Please amend from after the third full paragraph on page 3 to before the first full paragraph on page 4 to read as follows:

Inside [the] body 1, along [the] frame 4a, a tubular, florescent light source 5 is arranged, for providing [a] substantially uniform [irradiation] illumination along [the] a perimetrical extension of the frame [4a]. This [last] extension has a raised edge 4c [to] for hid[e]ing the light source [5] from [outside] view. On [the] an inner face of the [walls of] back walls [2], a decorative image 6 is desirably reproduced, for example, of a natural[i-

stic] type such as the image of a clear sky, a mountainous [or] landscape, a marine landscape, or [in] any [case] other image(s) characteri[s]zed by [their] intrinsic luminosity or [ability] a capacity to suggest the sensation of natural light. [The internal] Interior faces of [the] side walls 3 are [made] preferably constructed of reflective material in order to exalt the desired depth of the [transmitted] image transmitted. The image may be printed on a relatively flexible panel, for [example] instance, a plastic or paper film, and applied directly [on the] to back wall 2, [or it]. Alternatively or concurrently, the image may be reproduced on a generally rigid panel, to be fastened to the back wall at a [certain] selected distance, also so as to allow the interposition of [the] a new or conventional power supply [means] 7 [which are] otherwise placed outside [of] the back [2] wall.

Please amend page 4, first full paragraph, to read as follows:

Optionally, [T]he [above-described] illuminating device of the present invention [may be] is equipped with [means which] a device or apparatus that permits mounting of the embedded connection in a ceiling, [or] wall or ceiling-fitting. [These means, being of known type, are not illustrated in detail] Such devices and/or apparatus are known by those skilled in the art and further description is unnecessary for purposes of illustrating the present invention. The illumination device, according to various aspects of the present invention, may be used [on its own] independently or in combination with other equivalent devices to form illuminating surfaces with natural backgrounds, such as that illustrated in [figures] FIG. 3. [In particular] Alternatively or concurrently, [embodiments may also be foreseen in which] each illumination device, in accord[ing]ance [to] with the

invention [constitutes], comprises a module of a relatively complex [composition] composite larger image, in which the background image [present] provided in each device is [only] a fraction or portion of [a] the larger image which is form[s]ed and [is] visible only after all illumination devices have been installed, [by] and appropriately combin[ing]ed [them with respect] and arranged relative to [each] one another. [One] An example of complex-type image composition generated by [way of the] illumination devices, according to the present invention, is illustrated in [figure] FIG. 4.

Please amend from after the first full paragraph on page 4 through to the end of that paragraph on page 5 to read as follows:

[It shall be clear from the above that] As will be appreciated by those skilled in the art, even if [the] a primary objective of the present invention is to provide an illumination device which gives the sensation of natural luminosity through [the] an association with natural[istic]-like images, [the same] such device may also be associated with any other type of decorative image including, [comprising] but not limited to, advertising messages[, as long as it]; provided, however, that the device is equipped with its own intrinsic luminosity. [In fact] Moreover, the sense of depth generally conferred to the image, due to the structure of the illumination device [according to] in accordance with the present invention, permits the [use of the] device to be used in applications where traditional light panels are not usually desired or recommended.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph 1 on page 5:

- - Various modifications and alterations to the present invention may be appreciated based on a review of this disclosure. These changes and additions are intended to be within the scope and spirit of the invention as defined by the following claims. - -